

## CLAIMS

1. (original) Use of a preparation containing a short-chain peptide for protecting skin from hair-treatment agents.
2. (original) Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the protection of the skin from hair-treatment agents refers to agents capable of dyeing, tinting, deforming, hardening, conditioning, softening, repairing or styling hair.
3. (currently amended) Use according to claim 1 ~~and 2~~, characterized in that the protection of the skin from hair-treatment agents refers to agents capable of dyeing or tinting hair.
4. (currently amended) Use according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the short-chain peptide has a chain-length between 2 and 30 amino acids, preferably between 6 and 15 amino acids and particularly between 6 and 12 amino acids.
5. (currently amended) Use according to ~~claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 for simultaneously protecting the skin from hair-treatment agents and providing skin care.